

Judge to rule on death sentence for Delhi gang rapists

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Four men will learn today if they are to hang for the shocking murder and gang rape of an Indian student after her parents begged for the "coldblooded" killers' execution

Three days after finding the gang guilty of a murderous assault which sickened a nation, Judge Yogesh Khanna will announce whether it fulfils the "rarest of rare" criteria for crimes that merit capital punishment.

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Assad on chemical arms vow

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FCCA, Ministry of Tourism and Aruba Tourism Authority sign MOU

Aruba's Tourism entities welcomed the President of the Florida Caribbean Cruise Association, Michele Paige and a delegation from the FCCA for a visit this week. It culminated in the signing of an MOU between the Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber, Ms. Paige, and the CEO of the Aruba Tourism Authority, (ATA) Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes on Wednesday afternoon. The FCCA delegation also consisted of Federico Gonzalez-Denton, Director of Government & Commu-



FCCA President Michele Paige and Minister Oduber

Relations LACAR/Royal Caribbean Cruises, Colin Murphy of Norwegian Cruise lines and Steve Nielsen, VP Caribbean Operations for Princess Cruise Lines.

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"The cruise industry salutes the Minister for the initiatives he is putting in place to create the proper enthusiasm for our passengers and crew to want to come to Aruba," stated Ms. Paige, prior to the signing. Not only has the island taken the initiative to enhance it tourism product, particularly where

cruise passengers are concerned, but authorities willingly concede the expertise of the FCCA delegation, and the MOU lays out a program of cooperation and collaboration for promoting Aruba and continuing to enhance the cruise passenger experience.

Ms. Paige pointed out that the FCCA and its member companies "spend 500 million dollars annually on promotion, on TV, magazine and Internet ads and websites, and Aruba will benefit greatly from this."

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CEO of ATA Tjin Asjoe-Croes signs

The FCCA has made plans with the ATA and Ministry of Tourism to showcase the island to cruise company executives and to promote the

steady and drastic increase of cruise ship arrivals. The FCCA executives promised this trend will continue over the next few From years. 2013 through 2014 cruising season there is schedule jump of 20% over the prior year, over the following years,

Minister Oduber confirmed they expect an additional 4% increase in arrivals

This increase is projected to

very impressed with the beautification of Oranjestad and the port area.

The delegates from the FCCA made it clear that they are not asking for nor expecting remuneration from Aruba for exceptionally promoting the island as a destination. They felt the government has expended such effort and expense in enhancing the tourism product, that repeat visitors will also find a return visit "a new, fresh experience."

Minister Oduber stated the increased arrivals and number of passengers would very likely effect Aruba's "medium time" when the number of visitors begin to

Netherlands apologises for Indonesian colonial killings

JAKARTA (AFP) - The Netherlands sought to "close a difficult chapter" with its former colony Indonesia Thursday by publicly apologising for mass killings carried out by the Dutch army in the 1940s war of independ-

As children of some of the men who were massacred in summary executions looked on, Dutch ambassador to Indonesia Tjeerd de Zwaan offered a state apology during a ceremony at the country's embassy in Jakarta.

"On behalf of the Dutch government, I apologise for these excesses," said the ambassador.

"The Dutch government hopes that this apology will help close a difficult chapter for those whose lives were impacted so directly by the violent excesses that took place between 1945 and 1949."

He was referring to the years of the Indonesian war of independence, when the sprawling archipelago nation sought to shake off Dutch colonial rule.

The Hague had previously said sorry to the relatives of those in particular cases but it has never before offered a general apology for all summary executions.

Last month the Dutch government also announced that it would pay 20,000 euros (\$26,600) to the widows of those killed.

However, 81-year-old Shafiah, whose father and brother were killed in an attack by Dutch soldiers on her village in Bulukumba district on Sulawesi island, told AFP the Netherlands had not gone far enough.

"The Dutch government must not only compensate the widows but the children as they also suffered from the loss of their fathers," said Shafiah, who like many Indonesians goes by one name and was speaking from her home village.

In one of the worst atrocities committed by the Netherlands in Indonesia, Dutch troops carried out summary executions in a series of villages over three months in a bid to wipe out resistance to colonisation.

Some in Indonesia have claimed the death toll was as high as 40,000 but historical studies have put it at several thousand.



FCCA members, Minister and APA Director Boekhoudt

island extensively over the next two years. Minister Oduber pointed out that great progress has been made since 2009, when a number of cruise lines were dropping Aruba and the Southern Caribbean from their itineraries, because of the prohibitive fuel cost.

Minister Oduber expended exceptional effort in convincing cruise line executives that passengers would pay more to come to Aruba. The return of Carnival Cruise Lines with the Miracle in November of 2010 marked a bring an additional 120,000 day visitors to the island.

Ms. Paige pointed out that cruise ship passengers are often already thinking about their next vacation, with the cruise being a scouting expedition. She offered kudos to the island for the official ATA information stations within the terminal, the quality of the facilities and welcome. It is most likely that satisfied one-day visitors will return to spend a week or more, "they are the stay-over visitors of the future." They were also

drop off, to now have numbers equaling that of "high times."

"We are so proud," he concluded, "and we would like to thank you for this success we have together, this is what partnerships and relationships show. This MOU will enhance the relationship and opportunities to keep Aruba two steps ahead of its competitors, and it becomes a win/win situation for both the destination and the cruise industry."

By Rosalie Klein



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Avianca Airlines now official air carrier for the Dutch Caribbean Golf Association



Avianca Regional Mgr David Carion (R) and Maurice Jansen signs the agreement

The Dutch Caribbean Golf Association, DCGA, headquartered on Aruba, was established a few months ago to provide opportunities for young golfers from the six islands of the Dutch Caribbean

to train, interact and compete on an international level

President of the DCGA, Maurice Janssen welcomed the David Carrion, Regional Manager, Eastern Caribbean of Avianca Airlines, to the Tierra Del Sol Country Club and Golf Course on Wednesday afternoon, September 11, to sign an agreement naming Aviance the official airline of the DCGA.

Avianca has daily round trip flights to Aruba from Bogota, Colombia. The airline's hub connects with 20 cities throughout Latin and North America, and golfers traveling to DCGA events will now enjoy special discounts when flying with Avianca

The first such event will be the RBC Junior Open Championships over the weekend of October 11, 13 and 14. Sponsored by RBC Royal (Aruba) Bank, the final of the qualifying rounds of the DCGA Junior Mini-tour.

This agreement with Avianca will enable the RBC Junior Open and other DCGA events to be elevated to an international level, providing real challenges for local golfers and attracting quality players from the region.

Mr. Carrion stated that Avianca is very proud to promote Aruba's golf courses, which will attract more visitors to the island to discover what quality courses can be found here.

They are hoping to partner with sponsors to also establish an Avianca Cup Golf Tournament by the end of this year, or beginning of 2014.





An authentic taste of the Caribbean cuisine now at Jamaica Mi Irie



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The word "irie" has a plethora of meanings in Jamaican culture, from pure nirvana to feeling well satisfied, and patrons

will certainly feel at least the latter after a visit to Aruba's only authentic Jamaican restaurant, the newly opened Jamaica Mi Irie in San

The kitchen is the beloved effort of well known island chef, Jeffrey Roy Elliott, the master in the kitchen of Ellioti's Italian Jeffrey Elliott and what is fresh and seasonal. restaurant adjacent to Costa

Linda. Jeffrey has gone back to

his Jamaican roots for this enthu-

siastic effort with his wife_ Daisy, who loves being the happy hostess.

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The regular menu features the tradification such as Jerk Chicken, Fried Chicken, Beef oxtail, Stewed Pork, Jerk Pork, Fried Fish plus a house

specialty, Curried Goat. These are regular items,

Jerk Chicken with Rice & Peas

but Jeffrey prefers to pepper his menu with various "Specials of the Day" made from

This very cute, cozy place is open for lunch and dinner daily, except Sundays and wife Daisy Mondays, from 11:00 AM until 10:00 PM. It is located directly across from the BSL Laundry on Captain Rodgerstraat, which runs along the refinery wall parallel to the San Nicolas main street.

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Andrea and Rafael say "I Do" at The Aruba Marriott

Connecting Venezuela and Brazil in Aruba



Andrea and Rafael in their la hora loca costumes

Recently Andrea Ruza and Rafael Teixeira said "I do" at the Aruba Marriot Resort & Stellaris Casino. The couple was surprised with a sand ceremony to bless their marriage at the beach accompanied by their family and friends from Venezuela and Brazil

The following day the church ceremony took place in Tanki Leendert followed by a party at Marriott's brand new Grand Ballroom. They danced for the first time as Mr. & Mrs. Teixeira on "Everything" from Michael Bubble. The spectacular décor of the wedding reception was done by Vicente Izarra who flew in from Maracaibo, Venezuela. The main attraction was the band from Caracas, Vitamina, one of Venezuela's most popular bands.

With the bride's Venezuelan background, the couple celebrated the "la hora loca", a Venezuelan tradition. It is a designated "Crazy Hour" where the bride & groom hand out wigs and noisemakers to get the crowd going.

> The brass brand started the "la hora loca" in the Grand Ballroom and fun hats and masks. themed the colors of Venezuela and Brazil. were given to family and friends, while dancing to the carnival tunes.

"This was one of the most memorable weddings I have experienced so far at the Aruba Marriott, " said Director of Events Ilaina Franco Franca. "The decoration was beautiful and colorful and combining the traditional "la hora loca" made the complete event stand out."

The Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino wishes Andrea and Rafael the best of luck as they enter a new chapter of their lives together as one.



Andrea and Rafael at the blessing ceremony



La Hora Loca at the Aruba Marriott for Andrea and Rafael's wedding



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Prince William swaps military for animal welfare

LONDON (AFP) - Prince William is leaving Britain's armed forces to take up royal and charity duties, beginning with a key role in a new global wildlife conservation partnership, Kensington Palace said on Thursday.

The second-in-line to the British throne, who became a father in July, completed his last shift as a Royal Air Force search and rescue helicopter pilot on Tuesday after seven years in the military.

The 31-year-old Duke of Cambridge is in a "transitional" year, sources have said, and is considering options for his "public service" with a formal announcement to be made about his decision within the next 12 months.

But he said on Thursday that he would start by bringing together seven top conservation organisations in a group called "United for Wildlife", as part of which he has filmed a video with former footballer David Beckham.

William's change of career comes just two months after his wife Kate gave birth to a baby boy, Prince George of Cambridge.

"He will continue to support the work of the Queen and the Royal Family through a programme of official engagements, both at home and overseas, with the Duchess of Cambridge.

William will continue to work with charities dealing with children and military veterans, the palace said.



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Aruba Bank recently introduced its Maestro Chip Card, thereby optimizing security at the moment of making payments, in Aruba and abroad. The new ATM card has an embedded chip besides the magnetic strip, an added security element now custom-

ary around the globe, for the purpose of heightened bank card security.

During the introduction period of the new Maestro Chip Card, Aruba Bank conducted a special campaign, in which every time clients used their ATM card to make payments, Aruba Bank set a certain amount of money aside, earmarked for a donation to a charitable organization, on clients' behalf

Wednesday morning at Scol Dununman, operated by the Foundation for the Mentally Handicapped of Aruba, representatives of Aruba Bank made the donation of the funds raised, the incredible amount of Afl. 30.000, which will be used for the construction of a new playground at the facility run by SVGA, Stichting Verstandelijke Gehandicapten Aruba.

Daily, approximately 80 kids and teens between the ages of 4 and 18, make use of

the playground at SVGA. The existing playground had to be renovated, and it was decided that a new one will be built instead, since the current one was built on uneven ground, and was plagued by other maintenance challenges, as well.

As recreation is very important for those with a mental disability, Scol Dununman just like other local schools offers swimming classes, writing, mathematics, and verbal expression, and looks forward to also giving students a proper and safe place where they can play and relax before and after classroom study.

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'Prove it,' US tells Assad on chemical arms vow

GENEVA (AFP) - President Bashar al-Assad confirmed for the first time Thursday that Syria plans to give up its chemical weapons, as the United States urged him and his Russian allies to quickly make good on his promise.

But the long-time Syrian leader cast fresh doubt on how committed he was to a hastily-conceived plan to secure Syria's poison gas stocks, by demanding that Washington first drop its threat of military action against his regime.

"When we see that the United States truly desires stability in our region and stops threatening and seeking to invade, as well as stops arms supplies to terrorists then we can believe that we can follow through with the necessary processes," Assad said in an interview on Russian television.

"Syria is handing over chemical weapons under international control because of Russia," he said. "US threats have not affected the decision."

Top US and Russian diplomats and weapons experts launched high-stakes talks late Thursday in a Geneva hotel to pore over the details of the Russian plan.

But US Secretary of State John Kerry warned Assad that "the words of the Syrian regime in our judgement are simply not enough".

"Expectations are high. They are high for the United States, perhaps even more so for Russia to deliver on the promise of this moment. This is not a game," Kerry said.

Any deal to bring Syria's chemical weapons stockpile under international control "has to be credible. It has to be timely and implemented in a timely fashion," he said. In a concrete move towards disarmament, Syria on Thursday filed documents at the United Nations seeking to join the international convention banning chemical weapons.

A UN spokesman said "an accession document concerning the chemical weapons convention" had been received "in the past few hours" from the regime.

And Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said he believed: "The solution of this problem makes unnecessary any strikes on Syria".

Twitter announces plans for stock offering

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) Twitter announced Thursday, in a tweet, that it has
submitted papers for a stock
offering, the most hotly anticipated in the tech sector
since Facebook's last year.
"We've confidentially submitted an S-1 to the SEC for
a planned IPO. This Tweet
does not constitute an offer
of any securities for sale,"
the company tweeted.

Talk of an initial public offering (IPO) has circulated about Twitter for some time, and the Wall Street Journal estimated the company founded in 2006 is worth some \$10 billion.

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There has been a huge clamour for the four -- Akshay Thakur, Pawan Gupta, Vinay Sharma and Mukesh Singh -to be executed for their attack on a physiotherapy student and her male companion on board a bus on December 16.

The 23-year-old student was beaten, repeatedly raped and violated with an iron bar.

After prosecution lawyers argued on Wednesday that the gang were guilty of a "diabolical" crime, the victim's mother implored the judge to hand down the death sentence.

"We beg the court that justice should be given to our daughter," said the mother, who cannot be named to protect the identity of her late daughter.

"It was not merely a mistake, they planned and killed her mercilessly," she told reporters.

The victim's father has said only the death penalty can bring the family some closure.

During Wednesday's hearing, defence lawyers argued Judge Khanna should resist "political pressure" and instead jail the gang for life, citing the youth of their clients who are all either in their teens or 20s.

The gang's relatives have also been pleading for their lives to be spared.

Judge approves American Airlines bankruptcy plan

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - A
US court Thursday approved
the bankruptcy plan of American Airlines's parent AMR, a
key part of the proposed
American-US Airways merger
deal that is facing a government antitrust challenge.
US Bankruptcy Judge Sean

US Bankruptcy Judge Sean Lane approved AMR's plan to emerge from bankruptcy, in spite of the pending Department of Justice lawsuit. The AMR bankruptcy reorganization, initially filed in November 2011, had been near completion when the Justice Department in August filed suit to block the American-US Airways merger.



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International News

French navy intercepts ship carrying 20 tonnes of cannabis

TOULON (AFP) - The French navy said Thursday it had made a record cannabis seizure in the Mediterranean sea after intercepting a ship carrying 20 tonnes of cannabis worth up to 50 million euros.

"To the best of our knowledge it is the biggest seizure by the French state in the Mediterranean," vice-admiral Yves Joly told a news conference in Toulon.

The market value of the cannabis was "between 40 and 50 million euros (\$53 and 66 million)," said regional customs head Hugues-Lionel Galy.

The Luna-S, a Tanzaniaflagged vessel, was intercepted by the French navy on

Sunday in international waters between Sardinia in Italy and Algeria.

The eight-member crew, who claimed to be Syrians, set the cannabis on fire and a part of the clandestine cargo was destroyed.

The ship was towed by a French vessel and arrived in the southern port city of Toulon on Thursday.

The men will be tried in France and could face up to 10 years in prison, if convicted.

Tanzania had authorised French authorities to stop and inspect the ship and try the suspects.

The Luna-S left Morocco and appeared headed for Egypt.

HIV-positive Ukrainians protest clinic closure

KIEV (AFP) - Patients at Ukraine's main HIV hospital on Thursday handcuffed themselves to their beds in protest at plans for its closure.

Three HIV-positive patients at the clinic in central Kiev handcuffed themselves to their beds in front of television cameras to protest at plans by the country's medical establishment to close the unit

The Kiev clinic, run by the Institute of Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases, is exceptionally well-equipped and staffed for Ukraine, one of the ex-Soviet countries with the highest rate of HIV infection.

Since 2011, the hospital, which has around 9,000 registered patients from all over Ukraine, has been at the centre of an acrimonious conflict over its planned closure.

The in-patients complained that the government had promised to keep the clinic open until a new purpose-built hospital was built in Kiev, but was now pressuring the staff to move the patients out before it was ready.

According to UNAIDS, around 350,000 people are infected with HIV in Ukraine, which has a population of 46 million.



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Egypt extends state of emergency by two months

CÁIRO (AFP) - Egypt's inauthorities terim Thursday extended state of emergency in force since mid-August by another two months because of the country's continued insecurity.

President Adly Mansour had initially announced a month-long state of emergency on August 14, at a time when deadly unrest swept Egypt as police dispersed two Islamist protest camps.

More than 1,000 people were killed on August 14 and following days after police dispersed two sitins in Cairo by ousted Islamist president Mohamed Morsi's supporters.

Islamists at the time lashed out at Christians. accused of supporting the military coup which ousted Morsi, and burned down several dozen churches and Coptic Christian-owned proper-

Violent protests have largely subsided, giving way to militant attacks such as a suspected suicide bombing that targeted the interior minister last week in a failed assassination bid.

The state of emergency grants security forces wide-ranging powers of arrest.

Spain seizes 800 kilos of cocaine from yacht



Members of the National Police force and Guardia Civil carry seized drugs on the port of Cadiz

MADRID (AFP) - Spanish authorities have seized over 800 kilos (1,700 pounds) of cocaine from a yacht in the Atlantic, smashing a ring that smuggled drugs from Latin America to Europe, the interior ministry said Thursday.

Police arrested 16 people and seized the yacht as well as a catamaran, several vehicles, a gun and cash in the probe, the ministry said in a statement.

Spanish authorities intercepted the yacht on September 2 in international waters north of Portugal's Azores islands and arrested its four crew members -- two Estonians, a Serbian and a Spaniard -- after finding more than 800 kilos of cocaine on board.

Police arrested another 12 people in the southern Spanish region of Andalusia suspected of involvement in trafficking of the narcotics.

The police did not say how much the drugs were worth.

In July, Spanish authorities seized 500 kilos of cocaine from a yacht off the Canary Islands in the Atlantic, breaking up a ring that smuggled drugs from Latin America to the Spanish archipelago

Spain is a key entry point for drugs bound for Europe.

Spanish authorities seized 20.7 tonnes of cocaine last year, 24.9 percent more than in the previous year, and 325.5 tonnes of hashish, down 8.5 percent from 2011, according to the interior ministry.

That represented 41.2 percent of the total amount of cocaine seized in Europe last year and 74 percent of the hashish.

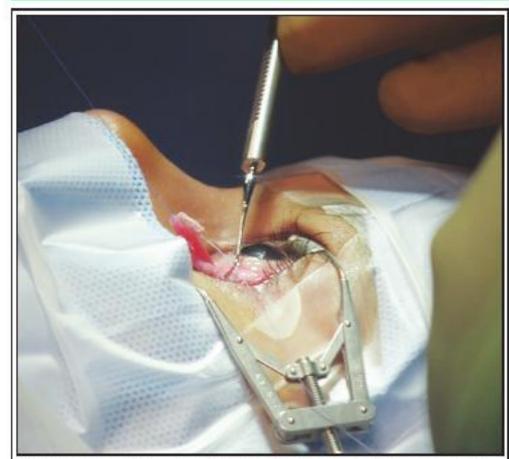
SANTIAGO (AFP) - At least 42 policemen were injured and 264 protesters arrested in violent clashes as Chile marked the 40th anniversary of the coup that brought Augusto Pinochet to power, officials said Thursday. Clashes broke out for a second consecutive night late Wednesday night in the suburbs of the capital Santiago -- where protesters burned barricades and cut power. The unrest -- signalling the persistent divisions in the South American country -came after conservative President Sebastian Pinera urged fellow citizens "not to forget,



but to overcome the traumas of the past" and reconcile at a ceremony marking the September 11, 1973, overthrow of then-president Salvador Allende. The Pinochet regime left more than 3,200 dead and some 38,000 people tortured in the nation which today has 17 million people and South America's highest per capita income.



Health & Living



KOLKATA (AFP) - Ophthalmologists perform a operation on an Indian patient on board the ORBIS, an eye hospital on board a DC-10 jet, at the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata yesterday. On board the local doctors, nurses and technicians work alongside the ORBIS international medical team to exchange knowledge and improve skills. The mobile teaching hospital is a tool to help prevent blindness in developing countries.

Michelle Obama urges Americans to 'Drink Up'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US first lady Michelle Obama, who has for years been suggesting "Let's Move," Thursday added a new directive in her campaign against obesity: "Drink up."

The president's wife called on Americans to drink at least one extra glass of water daily.

"I've come to realize that if we were going to take just one step to make ourselves and our families healthier, probably the single best thing we could do is to simply drink more water," Obama said in a statement.

"That's it - it's really that simple. Drink just one more glass of water a day and you can make a real difference for your health, your energy, and the way you feel. So Drink Up and see for yourself," she said.

The first lady cheekily planned to launch her new initiative in Watertown, in the midwestern US state of Wisconsin, alongside actress Eva Longoria

As part of its efforts to encourage hydration, a special logo will be printed on hundreds of millions of water bottles as well as on some 10,000 public water fountains.

The public relations campaign will also encourage people to upload photos of themselves imbibing on the website www.youarewhatyoudrink.org and on social media photo-sharing site Instagram, tagged "drinkH20."

Obesity is a major health issue in the United States, where one in three adults and nearly one in five children are obese.

The campaign does not specifically urge Americans to replace drinks of soda with water, although the sugary drinks are often considered partly to blame for expanding waistlines.

Hard-hitting ads get credit in US push against smoking

WASHINGTON (AFP) Hard-hitting ads featuring
first-person stories from
former smokers prompted
more than 200,000 Americans to immediately give
up tobacco, said the Centers for Disease Control
(CDC) and half that number are likely to stay off
tobacco forever, according to the study.

The CDC's \$54 million media campaign in March-June 2012 dwelled on real-life stories from ex-smokers struggling with smoking-related illnesses and disabilities.

It was the first time a federal agency had developed and paid for advertisements aimed at getting people to abandon smoking.

Tim McAfee, head of the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health, called such ad campaigns "great investments" in public health.

The 2012 campaign prompted an estimated 1.6 million smokers to at least attempt to quit.

"The study shows that we save a year of life for less than \$200," said McAfee in a statement.

A second series of ads ran earlier this year, and a third round is set to go out in 2014.

Smoking is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the United States, killing more than 1,200 Americans every day, according to the CDC.

More than eight million Americans live with a smoking-related disease which cost the nation \$96 billion a year in direct health-care expenses and \$97 billion in lost productivity.



Sci-Tech

NASA's Voyager first spacecraft to exit solar system

WASHINGTON (AFP) Never before has a human-built
spacecraft traveled so far.
NASA's Voyager 1 probe has
now left the solar system and is
wandering the galaxy, US scientists said Thursday.

The spacecraft was launched in 1977 on a mission to explore the outer planets of our solar system and to possibly journey into the unknown depths of outer space.

The precise position of Voyager has been fiercely debated in the past year, because scientists have not known exactly what it would look like when the spacecraft crossed the boundary of the solar system and the tool on board that was meant to detect the change broke long ago.

However, US space agency scientists now agree that Voyager is officially outside the protective bubble known as the heliosphere that extends at least eight billion miles (13 billion kilometers) beyond all the planets in our solar system, and

has entered a cold, dark region known as interstellar space.

Their findings -- which describe the conditions that show Voyager actually left the solar system in August 2012 -- are published in the US journal Science.

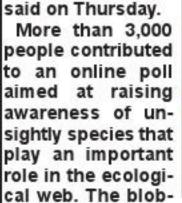
Scientists expected that the direction of the magnetic field in space would reverse at the barrier known as the heliopause.

The Voyager 1 magnetometer did not show this change, leading scientists to be extra cautious about declaring whether or not the spacecraft had left the solar system.

Astrophysicists have projected that the density of electrons in interstellar space would be between 0.05 and 0.22 per cubic centimeter, placing Voyager squarely in that range.

Voyager's instruments will have to shut down permanently in 2025, Science reported. NASA spends \$5 million per year to operate the twin spacecraft.

LONDON (AFP) The blobfish, a
denizen of the Pacific that looks like
a bald, grumpy old
man, has been
named the world's
ugliest animal, organisers of the offbeat competition





fish, a squidgy pink creature capable of enduring otherwise crushing pressures at great depth, is becoming a casualty of deep-sea trawling. Runner-up was the kakapo, a rare flightless owl-like parrot that lives in New Zealand, and third was the axolotl, a Mexican amphibian also called the "walking fish."



New iPhone app in US targets child predators

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Department of Homeland Security enlisted smartphone users in its fight against child pornography Thursday with an iPhone app intended to make it easy to report suspected child predators.

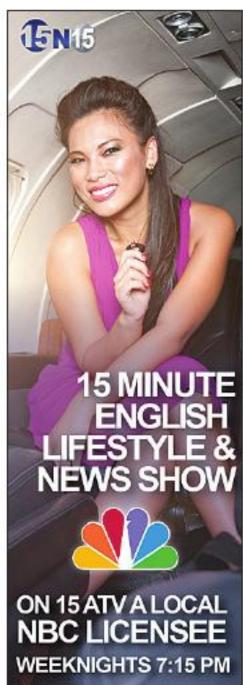
The Operation Predator app lets informants submit information via email or a telephone tipline, and also includes a run-down of the nation's most-wanted alleged child sex offenders.

Topping the app's list of nine fugitive suspects was one "John Doe," a white male aged 45 to 55, "wanted for production of child pornography," who could be living "anywhere in the world."

ICE said the unidentified man appears in glasses and a beard in video files seen by ICE agents in Los Angeles earlier this year sexually abusing a girl aged between 10 and 12 in a wood-panelled room.

It is free to download via iTunes -- albeit with a warning that it is not for persons under the age of 17, presumably the group most vulnerable to child sex crimes.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has for some time offered a broadly similar app that features not only America's 10 most wanted criminals and terrorists, but also a list of missing children.





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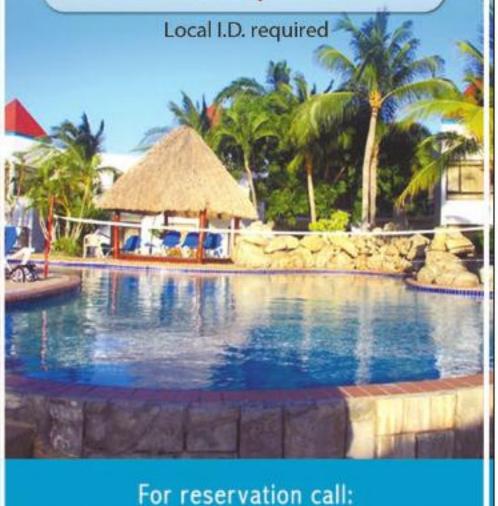
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IMF mission heads to Greece for bailout review

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The International Monetary Fund said Thursday it would begin a review of Greece's progress under its international bailout program next week.

The IMF mission will begin discussions with Greek authorities Tuesday in Athens, working with bailout partners the European Commission and the European Central Bank, IMF spokesman Gerry Rice said.

The so-called "troika" of international lenders will assess debtriddled Greece's progress in implementing deep austerity measures in exchange for their aid.

Since the beginning of the debt crisis in 2010, Greece has struck two bailout deals with the troika, worth a total of 240 billion euros (\$319.5 billion),

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that allowed the sinking economy to remain in the eurozone.

The country, which has been in recession for six years, announced Thursday that the unemployment rate hit a record 27.9 percent in June. The highest rate was registered for youths aged 15-24, at 58.8 percent.

SAN JOSE (AFP) - Four Canadians have been arrested in Costa Rica after being caught with more than 200 false credit cards and electronic equipment to forge them, authorities said Thursday.

Authorities allege that the four, who were between 25 and 36 years old, had been withdrawing cash from automatic teller machines using cloned Canadian credit cards since their arrival in the country September 7.

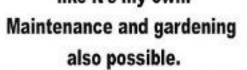
The Canadians, who were not identified, were captured on Wednesday as they were driving through San Jose, the Office of Judicial Investigations said.

It said authorities seized 225 false credit cards, \$20,000 in cash and electronic equipment to falsify credit cards.

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US stocks fall, ending 7-day S&P win streak

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) -US stocks fell Thursday, with uninspired trade putting a halt to the S&P 500's streak of seven straight gains.

At the close, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 25.96 points (0.17 percent) at 15,300.64.

The broad-market S&P 500 slipped 5.71 (0.34 percent) to 1,683.42, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite fell 9.04 (0.24 percent) to 3,715.97.

Dell shares were flat at \$13.85 after shareholders voted in favor of founder Michael Dell's \$25 billion plan to take the company private, after seven months battling investors like Carl Icahn demanding a better deal.

Under the terms of the deal, Dell shareholders will receive \$13.75 per share in cash plus a special dividend of 13 cents per share.

Shares in Walt Disney Co.
jumped 2.4 percent after chief
financial officer Jay Rasulo
said that the entertainment
giant plans a huge share buyback in 2014 that could
amount to as much as \$8 billion.

"We've been buying at the pace of \$4 billion for the last couple of years. And we really see the opportunity, given where our share price is, given where capital markets are, to target at least \$6 and possibly up to \$8 billion in buybacks" next year, he told analysts at the Bank of America Merrill Lynch Media, Communications & Entertainment Conference

Women's sport apparel chain Lululemon Athletica dropped



5.4 percent after being the latest in fashion houses to deliver a report of sinking earnings and give a warning over earnings for the rest of the year.

Likewise, Men's Wearhouse sank 12.1 percent on its poor fiscal second quarter, with earnings falling 28 percent, and a reduced full-year forecast.

Pandora Media, the popular online music streamer, jumped 12.1 percent after naming a former Microsoft executive, Brian McAndrews, as its new chief executive and president, as well as board chairman.

Apple shares bounced back slightly, gaining 1.1 percent after Wednesday's 5.4 percent beating on disappointment with its launch of two iPhone models, especially the prospects for a cheaper model's sales in China.

Among Dow components, Verizon gained 1.8 percent and rival AT&T 1.2 percent, while JPMorgan Chase fell 1.9 percent and Hewlett-Packard, to be dropped from the index later this month, sank 1.4 percent

Bond prices were flat. The yield on the 10-year Treasury held at 2.91 percent and the 30-year remained at 3.85 percent. Prices and yields move inversely.

IMF to audit Spain's banking reform next week

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The International Monetary Fund said Thursday it will begin its fourth audit of Spain's banking sector reform next week, part of a European bailout of the sector last year.

An IMF mission will begin talks with Spanish officials and private-sector representatives on Monday in Madrid, IMF spokeswoman Angela Gaviria said.

The independent monitoring review is part of technical assistance the IMF provides in conjunction with the European Union bailout of Spain's banking system in July 2012.

Gaviria said the team's preliminary conclusions would likely be published around September 30, with a final report in early November.

In the last report, in mid-July, the IMF said that Spanish banks, which had been thrown a 41.3-billion-euro (\$55 billion) lifeline a year ago, were stronger but still faced high risks.

It cited Spain's need to correct its budget deficit, reduce the high level of private debt and cope with sliding real estate prices



Celibacy up for discussion: new Vatican number two

CARACAS (AFP) - The Vatican's newly-designated Secretary of State Pietro Parolin said in an interview published here that priestly celibacy is an issue up for discussion within the Catholic Church.

Celibacy "is not a dogma of the Church, and it can be discussed because it is an ecclesiastical tradition," he said in the interview published Sunday by the Caracas newspaper "El Universal."

He acknowledged that a debate over whether priests must be celibate is "a great challenge" for the new Pope Francis, who named Parolin as the Vatican's number two on August 31.

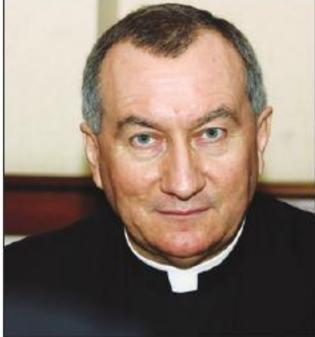
Parolin cautioned, however, that a number of factors must be considered in reaching a decision on priestly celibacy.

"One cannot simply say, it belongs to the past," he said, adding "all these decisions should be taken as a way to unite the Church, not divide it."

"One has to take into account, when decisions are adopted, these criteria (the will of God, the history of the Church) as well as an openness to the signs of the times," he said.

The 58-year-old Parolin, who was born in the Veneto region in northwestern Italy, has served as the Vatican's ambassador to Venezuela since 2009, a period marked by tensions between the Venezuelan church and the government of president Hugo Chavez, who died in March.

He takes up his duties as the Vatican's secretary of state on October 15, replacing the con-



troversial Tarcisio Bertone.

Parolin said changes could be made in the Vatican in a "democratic spirit" and with the "collegial leadership of the Church, in which all its parts can express themselves."

"It has always been said that the Church is not a democracy. But it is good, in these times, that there be a more democratic spirit in the sense of listening attentively, and I think the pope has indicated that is one of the objectives of his papacy."

A broad reorganization of the Curia -- the Vatican government -- has been underway since Francis' election in March.

The pope has named various commissions and charged them to reform the Curia and the Vatican bank. The broad outlines of the reforms are due to be made public in early October.

On Wednesday, Pope Francis said atheists could take moral decisions just like religious people, in an unprecedented letter to a leftwing Italian daily -- his latest attempt to reach out to non-believers.

"God's mercy has no limits if

we turn to him with a sincere and contrite heart," the leader of the world's 1.2 billion Catholics said in a missive published in La Repubblica by its founder Eugenio Scalfari.

"The question for people who do not believe in God is to listen to their consciences. Also for those without faith, sin is going against your conscience," he said.

"Listening to it and obeying it means making up one's mind about what is good and evil," he added

The letter was the 76-yearold pope's reply to questions posed in the newspaper in July and August by Scalfari, who had admitted to not believing in God.

Since being elected in March, the Argentine pope has repeatedly said he wants his words to be heard by faithful from other religions and nonbelievers.

During a blessing in St Peter's Square in May, Francis said non-believers could be redeemed just like Catholics -- an unusual message that was quickly denied by a Vatican spokesman who said that anyone who refuses the Catholic Church "cannot be saved"

"The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the Blood of Christ. All of us, not just Catholics. Everyone! 'Father, the atheists?' Even the atheists. Everyone!" the pope said in his address in May.

"We must meet one another doing good. 'But I don't believe, Father, I am an atheist!' But do good: we will meet one another there," he said.

Guinness World Records



LONDON (AFP) - An undated handout picture released on September 11, 2013 shows British dog called Ozzy who holds the world record for the fastest crossing of a tightrope by a dog pictured in an undisclosed location. The 4-and-half-year-old successfully crossed a rope measuring 3.5 m in 18.22 seconds. This record is presented in the new Guinness World Records 2014 book.

J.K. Rowling announces Harry Potter spin-off movie series



LONDON (AFP) - Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling is writing a series of spin-off films set in the magical world of the British boy wizard, she announced on Thursday.

The first film will be called "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" and will be based on a textbook of the same name used by Harry and his classmates at their school Hogwarts, Rowling said on her Facebook page.

She pitched the idea to Warner Bros. herself after the US studio approached her about making "Fantastic Beasts" into a film.

"I thought it was a fun idea" she wrote.

Set in New York and featuring magical zoologist Newt Scamander -- the author of Harry's textbook -- the Warner Bros. film marks Rowling's screenwriting debut, two years after the final movie in the eight-part series spawned by her phenomenally successful novels.

Rowling, who has sold

more than 450 million copies of the Harry Potter books, has been keeping busy since the final novel in the series was published in 2007.

She published her first novel for adults, "The Casual Vacancy", last year -- and in July she was unmasked as the real author of critically acclaimed detective novel "The Cuckoo's Calling", by one Robert Galbraith

With an estimated fortune of £560 million (\$885 million, 666 million euros) the former single mother is the 156th richest person in Britain, according to the Sunday Times Rich List.



EU farmers want S.Africa fruit imports suspended due to disease

BRUSSELS (AFP) - A
European farmers' union
called for the suspension
of South African citrus
fruit imports Thursday in
fear they may spread
highly contagious "Black
Spot" disease.

Copa-Cogeca, which groups large farms and agricultural cooperatives, said five cargo loads of produce from South Africa contaminated with Black Spot had been detected at the borders.

"The citrus fruit sector is vital in Europe both from an economic and social point of view. The disease currently does not exist in the EU," said Copa-Cogeca Secretary-Gen-



eral Pekka Pesonen.

A spokesman for the European Commission, Frederic Vincent, said the request would be examined by experts at the end of the month.

He added that the Commission had "encouraged" South Africa "to improve its controls" and said the European Union executive favoured "measures being put in place proactively".

Copa-Cogeca's
Pesonen said South
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(EFSA) warned of the high risk of contamination.

But after Black Spot was found at the borders of Britain, Germany and the Netherlands he wrote to the Commission "urging them to suspend imports to the EU immediately until the disease has been eradicated.

5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



Delicious Breakfast

-- A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive

service crew Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2

eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, or All-you can-eat pancakes for \$6.99! A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast & home fries - for only \$9.99! Best of all - unlimited coffee or tea - that is, refillable and never ending is only \$.79! Breakfast is served from 8am until noon. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on, after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by

two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English waywith vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality, it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway, we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas, The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facili-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the decor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas, 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www. goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

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--Continuing with our en route to the World Cup, Brazil 2014 we'll present today #6- of the best 20 defenders of all time list with **Giacinto Facchetti**, who with his talent and skill contributed greatly to his national team.

Giacinto Facchetti (Treviglio, July 18, 1942 - Milan, September 4, 2006) was an Italian football player, and later President of Inter Milan, a position he held till the time of his death Facchetti began his career at his home club, the Trevigliese, where he served as a winger and playmaker, where soon he caught the attention of the coach of FC Internazionale, Helenio Herrera, which he joined in 1960 as a winger. Facchetti would serve thereafter as one of the best sides in the world.

With Inter, Facchetti won four Serie A titles, an Italian Cup and two European Cups, and two Intercontinental Cups in a row also. With the football team Italy, Facchetti made his debut in 1963, would dispute 94 games with the Azzurri, a record at the time of participation for Italy only later would beat Dino Zoff, Paolo Maldini, Fabio Cannavaro, Gianluigi Buffon and Gianluca Zambrotta, besides taking the captain's armband in 70 games. With Italy played the World Cup 1966, 1970 and 1974, also forming part of the Italian team that won Euro 1968.

After his retirement in 1978, Facchetti held several positions at Inter, including technical director or vice president neroazzurro club in 2004, was elected president of the Inter. After a long illness, Facchetti died in September 2006 due to pancreatic cancer.

His former club, Inter, posthumously retired the number 3 shirt in his honour.

On 22 September 2008, a square in the town of Cesano Maderno, Milan was renamed in honor of Giacinto Facchetti.

Facchetti is featured in video game FIFA 12's Classic XI – a multi national all star team



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Mexico name new coach to save World Cup bid

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexico's football federation named their third manager in less than a week on Thursday, hoping Victor Manuel Vucetich, alias "King Midas," will use his golden touch to rescue their World Cup bid.

The former Monterrey coach has two qualifiers left to reverse his country's fortunes as they bid to reach the 2014 finals in Brazil.

Back-to-back defeats to Honduras and the United States have left Mexico in fifth place in the six-team CONCA-CAF regional group, from which only the top three qualify with the fourth-placed team advancing to a play-off against New Zealand.

Failing to make it to next year's tournament would be traumatic for a football-mad nation that has watched "El Tri" play in 14 of the 19 previous World Cups and had high hopes for a team packed with talent such as Manchester United's Javier "Chicharito" Hernandez.

"We are in an extremely difficult and complex situation and we have decided to ask Victor Manuel Vucetich to join the national squad," federation president Justino Compean told a news conference.



Vucetich, who earned his nickname after winning 13 titles with Mexican clubs, said the national team had "no room for errors" as they head toward critical games against Panama at home on October 11 and in Costa Rica four days later.

The federation fired Jose Manuel "Chepo" de la Torre on Saturday, hours after an embarrassing 2-1 loss to Honduras in the legendary Azteca stadium.

His replacement, Luis Fernando Tena, who managed the team that won the 2012 London Olympics gold medal, was at the helm for just one game, the 2-0 loss to the United States in Ohio on Tuesday.

The 58-year-old manager had been favourite to get the job after the 2010 World Cup but declined for personal reasons.

Olympics: Armstrong says medal headed back to IOC

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Disgraced cyclist Lance Armstrong has handed over his 2000 Olympic bronze medal to US Olympic officials, nine months after the International Olympic Committee demanded it back, he said on Thursday.

"The 2000 Bronze is back in possession of @usolympics and will be in Switzerland asap to @Olympics," Armstrong said on Twitter, posting a photo of the medal.

USOC spokesman Patrick Sandusky confirmed on Twitter that the American body had the medal.

"I can confirm that The United States Olympic Committee has received the bronze medal awarded to Lance Armstrong at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney," Sandusky said.

"The International Olympic Committee and the USOC had previously requested that the medal be returned. The USOC has made arrangements to return the medal to the IOC."



Thomas Bach, who was elected president of the IOC in Buenos Aires on Tuesday, had revealed on Monday in his role as head of the IOC judicial commission that Armstrong had yet to return the medal.

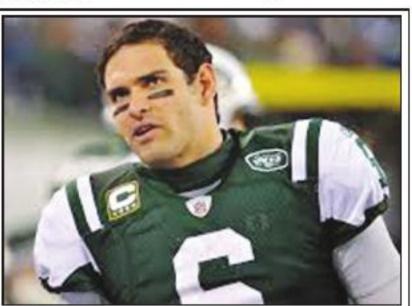
The IOC had written to Armstrong -- who was third in the time-trial event in Sydney -- in January to ask him for it.

The IOC had to wait to punish the American until world cycling's governing body, the International Cycling Union (UCI), sanctioned Armstrong, which it did on December 6 last year. It then had a further threeweek wait in which the Texan had recourse to appeal his lifetime doping ban at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Armstrong was stripped of his seven Tour de France titles and banned from the sport for life in October, 2012, after the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) produced evidence of widespread doping by him and his former team-mates.

NFL: Jets' Sanchez could face season-ending shoulder op

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - New York Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez's NFL season might be over before it began, with US media reporting he could face surgery on his throwing arm. Sanchez hurt his shoulder late in the Jets' third pre-season game against the New York Giants, while playing with less experienced reserve offensive linemen. Sanchez has sought an opinion from sports surgeon James Andrews and



the New York Daily News reported the fifth-year player plans to continue his rehabilitation efforts before making a decision on whether to pursue an operation. Sanchez played 15 games last season, throwing for 2,883 yards with 13 touchdowns and 18 interceptions. He was sacked 34 times and gave up eight fumbles.



MLB: MLB unveils October 2014 World Series

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) -Major League Baseball unveiled its 2014 schedule this week, confirming the World Series will be held in October instead of November.

As announced in June, the season will begin with an historic two-game set between the Arizona Diamondbacks and Los Angeles Dodgers at the Sydney Cricket Ground on March 22-23.

The regular season will end on September 28, allowing the World Series to be held in October.

The March games in Sydney will mark the first time a competitive Major League

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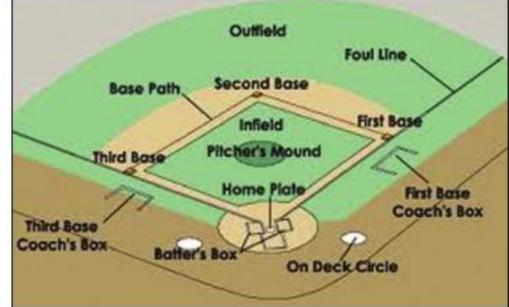
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Baseball contest has been held in Australia, although it won't be the first time US baseball has showcased its product with season openers outside the United States and Canada

Tokyo has hosted seasonopeners in 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2012, and MLB has opened seasons in Monterrey, Mexico, and San Juan, Puerto Rico

MLB's 2014 Stateside opener will come a week after the Australian games on Sunday, March 30, with the teams to be named later.

A total of 14 games will be played on Monday, March 31 -- officially designated "Opening Day". They'll include an interleague contest between the Philadelphia Phillies and Texas Rangers in Arlington

Other matchups on the first Monday feature the traditional opener in Cincinnati with the Cardinals as the guest, Atlanta at Milwaukee, Cleveland at Oakland and a battle between Colorado and Miami -- the 1993 expansion clubs -- in South Florida.

Nine games are on the docket for Tuesday, April 1, including the season-opener for the New York Yankees, who will play the Astros in Houston.

The 2014 All-Star Game is set for July 15 in Minneapolis.

The complete schedule, including start times, will be released in January.

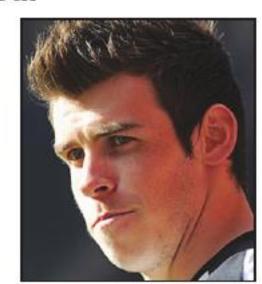
Football: Bale says 'bit behind' in fitness for Real

MADRID (AFP) - Gareth Bale said on Thursday he was "a bit behind" his new Real Madrid team-mates in terms of fitness, after a close season hampered by injury.

But the big-money signing from English Premier League side Tottenham said he hope to be back to his best as soon as possible and maintained that his troublesome foot was better.

Bale signed for Real from the north London club earlier this month on a six-year deal for around £80 million (\$124 million, 94 million euros).

The winger said he did not know whether Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti would pick



him for Saturday's game against Villarreal in La Liga.

Bale also said he was happy with the welcome he received in the dressing room, particularly from Portugal star Cristiano Ronaldo.

MLB Standings American League National League

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BOSTON	89	58	.605	312	ATLANTA	88	58	.603	
TAMPA	78	66	.542	9.5	WASHINGTON	77	69	.527	11.0
YANKEES	78	68	.534	10.5	PHILADELPHIA	67	78	.462	20.5
BALTIMORE	77	68	.531	11.0	NY METS	64	81	.441	23.5
TORONTO	67	78	.462	21.0	MIAMI	54	91	.372	33.5
Central	w	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	84	62	.575		ST. LOUIS	85	60	.586	-
CLEVELAND	77	68	.531	6.5	PITTSBURGH	84	61	.579	1.0
KANSAS	77	69	.527	7.0	CINCINNATI	83	64	.565	3.0
MINNESOTA	63	82	.434	20.5	MILWAUKEE	62	82	.431	22.5
CHICAGO	58	87	.400	25.5	CHICAGO	62	83	.428	23.0
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TEXAS	81	64	.559	3.5	DODGERS	85		.586	
LA ANGELES	69	76	.476	15.5	ARIZONA	73		.503	
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Clifford Rasmijn of the **Brazil Taekwondo** Foundation has chosen his team of athletes!







-- This past week, Clifford Rasmijn, Aruban athlete of the local Brazil Taekwondo Foundation has chosen his 7 athletes for the 2013 Aruba Caribbean/Arumia Logistics Taekwondo Cup. Clifford is working diligently with the: "Train Hard Fight Smart" team of the Brazil Taekwondo Foundation They are preparing for the various championships to take place during the upcoming days.

The A-Team is on their way to Mexico while others are remaining here for the 4 Aruba Caribbean Cargo/Arumias Logistics Taekwondo Cup to take place on September 14 at the Centro di Bario Brazil from 10:00 in the morning.

Clifford Rasmijn chosen athletes (7) to fight for the cup are: Danon Delamore, Joshua Klaber, Zayhon Klaber, Jhaamhur Delamore, Justin Arrindell, Micheal Nowle and Iryaahim Delamore. This team of the "Train Hard Fight Smart" group has very serious work to do now, this because Tiger Taekwondo Academy, Noord Taekwondo Center and San Nicolaas Taekwondo Center have confirmed their participation for Saturday...and they also want to win the Cup.

On Saturday 12th of September they will be doing the registrations and weighing in after which we will know how many teams will be participating in the 4 Aruba Caribbean Cargo/Arumia Logistics Taekwondo 2013 Cup. This will be the last championship for classification for the participation of the Best Powerade Taekwondo Cup to take place on November 2nd 2013.

Brazil Taekwondo Foundation is appealing to the general public to come out and see the teams do their best performance for the much coveted winning Cup.



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